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Michigan September 1 Crop Forecast

An abnormally dry August in most areas of Michigan caused an already limited corn and soybean crop to get smaller, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This report is based on conditions as of September 1, 2019. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report follow:

- The average corn yield in Michigan is expected to be 148 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from 2018, and down 7 bushels from the August 1 forecast. Production is forecast at 252 million bushels. If realized, this would be the smallest Michigan corn crop since 2002.
- For soybeans, a yield of 42 bushels per acre is expected, down 6 bushels from last year, and down 3 bushels from last month's estimate. Production is forecast at 72.2 million bushels. If realized, this would be the smallest soybean crop since 2007.
- Sugarbeet producers expect a yield of 28.1 tons per acre, down 1.8 tons from last month, and down 1 ton per acre from 2018.
- Nationally, corn production for grain is forecast at 13.8 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 168.2 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast and down 8.2 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up less than 1 percent from 2018.
- U.S. soybean production for beans is forecast at 3.63 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 47.9 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast and down 3.7 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for beans is forecast at 75.9 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 14 percent from 2018.
- National production of sugarbeets for the 2019 crop year is forecast at 33.5 million tons, up 1 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Expected yield is forecast at 30.0 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.3 tons from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2018 - 2019

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Corn, all				
Planted1,000 acres	2,300	2,000	89,129	90,005
Corn, grain				
Harvested1,000 acres	1,940	1,700	81,740	82,017
Yield Bushels	153.0	148.0	176.4	168.2
Production 1,000 bu	296,820	251,600	14,420,101	13,799,151
Soybeans				
Planted1,000 acres	2,300	1,750	89,196	76,700
Harvested1,000 acres	2,280	1,720	88,110	75,866
Yield Bushels	48.0	42.0	51.6	47.9
Production 1,000 bu	109,440	72,240	4,543,883	3,632,651
Sugarbeets				
Planted1,000 acres	150.0	147.0	1,113.1	1,130.6
Harvested1,000 acres	147.0	145.0	1,095.4	1,116.7
Yield Tons	29.1	28.1	30.3	30.0
Production 1,000 tons	4,278	4,075	33,145	33,547